

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of an Additional Public Hearing in Great Mills, MD for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Increased Flight and Related Operations in the Patuxent River Complex, Patuxent River, MD

AGENCY: Department of the Navy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (DON) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for River Increased Flight and Related Operations in the Patuxent River Complex, Patuxent River, MD. The DON announced in the May 22, 1998 **Federal Register** that three public hearings would be held to provide information and to receive public input on the DEIS. The DON announces that it will hold an additional fourth public hearing in Great Mills, MD to inform the public of the Patuxent findings and to receive oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the hearing.

DATES: The additional public hearing date and location is: Monday, June 22, 1998, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Great Mills High School, 21130 Great Mills Road, Great Mills, MD.

An open information session, beginning at 5:00 p.m., will precede the scheduled formal public hearing at 7:00 p.m. The open information session will allow individuals to review the results of the analysis presented in the DEIS and Navy representatives will be available to answer questions and/or clarify information related to the DEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS OR FOR A COPY OF THE DEIS CONTACT: Ms. Sue Evans or Ms. Kelly Burdick, c/o Office of Legal Counsel, 47031 Liljencrantz Road, Building 435, MS 39; Patuxent River, Maryland 20670-5440

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the DON has prepared and filed with the EPA, the DEIS for Increased Flight and Related Operations in the Patuxent River Complex, Patuxent River, Maryland. The DEIS identifies and evaluates the potential environmental impacts in test areas of the Patuxent River Complex that are controlled and scheduled by the Naval

Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division (NAWCAD). The complex includes all the flight and ground test facilities at NAS Patuxent River and OLF Webster Field Annex, as well as the restricted airspaces, aerial and surface firing range, and targets (Hooper, Hannibal, and Tangier Island) comprising the Chesapeake Test Range (CTR). The DEIS assesses the impacts of the no action alternative and three proposed future operations workload alternatives. The no action alternative would maintain the complex's current level of flight hours into the future (18,400 annually, which represents an approximate ten-year average of annual flight hours). The three workload alternatives propose increases in baseline operations by as few as 2,500 annual flight hours or as many as 6,200 annual flight hours.

A Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on April 1, 1997 and five scoping meetings were held between May 6 and May 15, 1997. A Notice of Availability of the DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on May 15, 1998.

The DEIS has been distributed to various federal, state and local agencies, elected officials, special interest groups, the media, and concerned citizens. In addition, copies are available for review at 18 repositories around the Chesapeake Bay: Anne Arundel South County Branch Library, Deale, MD.; Caroline County Public Library, Denton, MD.; Calvert County Public Library, Prince Frederick, MD.; Dorchester County Central Library, Cambridge, MD.; Somerset County Libraries, Deale Island, Princess Anne, and Ewell (Smith Island), MD.; St. Mary's County Libraries, Lexington Park and Leonardtown, MD.; St. Mary's College Library, St. Mary's City, MD.; Talbot County Libraries, Easton and Oxford, MD.; Worcester County Library, Pocomoke City, MD.; Eastern Shore Public Library, Accomac, VA.; Central Rappahannock Law Library, Fredericksburg, VA.; Northumberland County Library, Heathsville, VA.; Tangier Island Public School Library, Tangier, VA.; Laurel Public Library, Laurel, DE.

Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to attend or be represented at the hearing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record on the DEIS and will be responded to in the Final Environmental Impact Statement and will be given equal consideration. Written comments on the DEIS should be mailed to the address above and must be postmarked not later than 5:00 p.m. on July 6, 1998 to be part of the official record. Written comments will also be

accepted via e-mail at the Internet website at <http://www.tamsconsultants.com/paxriver/>, by facsimile at (301) 342-1840, or by calling toll-free (888) 276-5201.

Dated: June 1, 1998.

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Notice of Availability of Inventions for Licensing; Government-Owned Inventions

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

Patent Application entitled "Method for Fabricating an Electrically Addressable Silicon-on-Sapphire Light Valve," filed March 25, 1998, Navy Case No. 79029.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent applications cited should be directed to the Office of Naval Research, ONR OOC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660 and must include the Navy Case numbers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. R.J. Erickson, Staff Patent Attorney, Office of Naval Research, ONR OOC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-4001.

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Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive Patent License; Optron Systems, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant